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SUBJECT: SELA INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETS IN
MEEXICO NOV 8-11, 1976

REF MEXICO 16344

1. INTER-GOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS OF SELA CLOSED ITS
MEXICO CITY MEETING NOV. 11 HAVING REACHED SOME CONCRETE
ACCORDS BUT REMINDING OBSERVER OF GROUP OF 77 MEETINGS HELD
HERE IN SEPT.

2. SELA MEETING RESUMBED G-77 MEETING PRIMARILY IN FACT MEXICAN
INITIATIVES DID NOT SUCCEED. MEXICO HAD ORGINALLY HOPED FOR
MEETING TO BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AND, ACCORDING TO VARIOUS
EMB SOURCES, TO BE TYPE OF FINAL TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT
LUIS ECHEVERRIA, CREATIVE FORCE OF SELA ALONG WITH CARLOS
ANDRES PEREZ. SINCE ANNUAL SELA MINISTERIAL MEETING WAS ALREADY
PROGRAMMED FOR CARACAS IN JAN. 1977, MEMBERS BALKED AT ANOTHER
APPARENTLY UNNECESSARY, HIGH LEVEL CONCLAVE. THUS MEETING WAS AT
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LOW-KEYED, TECHNICAL LEVEL WITH NO VISIBLE GESTURE TOWARD

ECEHVERRIA.

3. THIS MEETINGS ALSO RESEMBLED SEPT. G-77 CONFERENCE IN THAT EMPHASIS WAS ON CONCRETE EFFORTS AT COOPERATION RATHER THAN POLITICAL PRESSURE ON US (EXCEPT FOR AGREEMENT TO PROTEST US TRADE ACT-REFTEL). PERMANENT ACTION COMMITTEES WERE ESTABLISHED (TO BE APPROVED AT CARACAS MEETING) IN FIVE AREAS:

- A) RECONSTRUCTION OF GUATEMALA - TO BE ESTABLISHED IN GUATEMALA
- B) HIGH PROTEIN FOOD SUPPLEMENTS - CARACAS
- C) HANDICRAFTS - PANAMA
- D) SOCIAL HOUSING - QUITO
- E) FERTILIZERS - MEXICO CITY

4. MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR LATIN AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY INFO NETWORK (RITLA) WAS NOT APPROVED BEFORE MEETING ENDED.

5. UNLIKE G-77 MEETING, CHILE SENT A REP TO THIS SELA GATHERING. CHILEAN, ENRIQUE WALKER, SUPPORTED CREATION OF ALL ACTION COMMITTEES BUT STRESSED THAT NON-INTERVENTION IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF SELA. CALDERHEAD

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